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Due to the Easter long weekend, advertising deadline for the April 18 issue is 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 12.

SPORTS

Barrel racers and team ropers wind up their winter series in Elk Point with awardsPage 8

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Alex Kurash Award winner

Delighted Elk Point Peewee Avalanche player Wyatt Pavoll accepts the annual award from coach Robyn Moroziuk at the Elk Point Minor Hockey Banquet.

Minor Hockey celebrates success and volunteers

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

"Tonight we're celebrating our teams' success," Elk Point Minor Hockey vice president Tyler Warawa said as he welcomed a near-capacity crowd to Elk Point Arts and Leisure Centre on Tuesday evening for the annual year-end banquet.

The banquet, with Jean Ockerman heading the organizing committee, also recognized the efforts of a long list of volunteers, Warawa said. "I started a list, and then asked Margaret (Bayduza) who I had forgotten, and she added two more pages. Those volunteers are why we're a success."

Minor Hockey president Angela Canning started the year as the group's secretary, with that post taken over by Twila Stafford, Gwen Pierce serving as treasurer and Candace Bendixen as registrar, and James Penner, Margaret Bayduza, Twila Stafford, Lori Poitras, James Capjack, Natalie Hunter, Jeff Morgan, Robyn Moroziuk and Tim Smereka as directors, Warawa said. Melissa Rogal was the bingo coordinator, Terri Castle was Referee in Chief, Twila Stafford and Lori Poitras were the equipment managers, Wade Poitras programmed the arena TV screen, and Lori Poitras chaired the Provincial Host committee, a hardworking team that included Twila Stafford, Candace Bendixen, Jackie Ludlage, Doug Bassett, Jena Colbourne and Margaret Bayduza.

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Chamber seeking new energy and enthusiasm

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

The floundering Elk Point Chamber of Commerce needs new energy, and ways to boost attendance at meetings and gain enthusiasm on the part of members was a high priority at last week's meeting. One idea put forward was to host an open house where business people could drop in as time permitted and voice their opinions on ways the chamber could support businesses, what they feel the chamber's priorities should be and their interest in seminars or workshops.

"What is one goal, one plan we could work on?" asked Melanie Poulin, with past president Jonny Nielsen quick to reply, "attracting new businesses." There was general agreement that as an oilfield town

that is largely dependent on the fluctuations of oil prices, the addition of other businesses and industries would help to stabilize the economy, and that generating new competition would be beneficial for the community as well.

Nielsen said he has a group that wanted to meet "in a closed room without some people" to discuss possibilities, but other members felt this was more divisive than productive.

Poulin offered to join Jena Colbourne in seeking out new members, and at the same time hopefully find out the opinions of both present and new members regarding ways the chamber could help the business community to thrive.

The chamber is looking into creating a list of high-speed Internet service available in Elk Point for both

businesses and individuals, which would aid them in making their own decisions. The Town of Elk Point has not yet heard any updates from Axia FibreNet, whose information cards went out with the town's March utility bills. Nielsen noted that some local residents are hooking up to the high speed Internet available through Telus and that MCS Net is installing new towers to serve the area.

Nielsen presented a report stemming from the community engagement session on long range planning for health care that he attended in Camrose in November. Similar sessions are slated for other areas of the province and he will keep in touch with Alberta Health in this regard. The current report will be shared with the Interagency Health and Wellness Committee for their information.

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Legion marks 100th anniversary of Vimy

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

“There are no words, no memorial, no published accounts. There is not a parade of military precision that is capable of adequate tribute to the accomplishment and sacrifice that occurred 100 years ago today on the battlefield of Vimy,” St. Paul Royal Canadian Legion Branch 100 president James Blair told the small crowd assembled outside the Legion hall late Sunday morning following a parade from the aging cenotaph next to the Landing Pad.

The parade, led by a colour party from Mallaig Army Cadet Corps and the Lakeland Pipe and Drum Band from Vermilion, included current and retired military personnel, cadets from Saddle Lake and Mallaig, two vintage military Jeeps, representatives of local organizations and members of the public, and marched from the cenotaph and along 50 Ave on their way to the Legion and its twin memorial monuments that were dedicated on the same weekend last year.

“Canada claimed an historic victory for the April 9, 1917 Battle of Vimy Ridge, but it was (the Canadian military’s) victory. It was their time in history, it was their camaraderie and their sacrifice that gave our country a historic, monumental victory and gave notice to the rest of the world that Canada is not a colony, but a nation,” Blair continued.

“As Canadians, we cannot know the ultimate cost that our soldiers and airmen paid, but it is our duty now to pledge that we will remember them.”

Following the recitation of the Act of Remembrance, RCMP Cst. Paul Lecours, on behalf of the Queen, and Blair, on behalf of the Legion, laid wreaths at the cairns. Legion past president Harold Lefebvre thanked everyone for attending and said, “It’s great to see Vimy Ridge remembered. Our Legion is proof of that.”

A number of displays, ranging from rifles and helmets to wartime photos and publications drew the visitors’ attention inside the hall. A model battlefield shared a table with photos and memorabilia from the Mallaig Cadet Corps’ 2014 trip to Vimy Ridge, while another display offered commemorative pins and brochures outlining the details of the 1917 battle.

Among the memorabilia displayed at the Legion hall on the 100th anniversary of Vimy Ridge were photos, postcards and a record of service that belonged to Lindbergh area pioneer Thomas P. Wolfe, brought in for the occasion by Elk Point Historical Society member Ray Hellquist, some of it shown at right.

Wolfe came to Canada from Ireland in 1911, bringing his mother and his youngest sister to join his brother Billy, who had homesteaded in the area the previous year. Thomas claimed a homestead south of his brother’s, along the North Saskatchewan River, breaking the sod and building a log house and stables for his livestock,



MALLAIG ARMY CADETS and the Lakeland Pipe and Drum Band lead the parade past the St. Paul cenotaph on their Vimy Ridge 100th Anniversary commemorative journey to the St. Paul Legion hall.

In 1914, he “went back home to the war,” according to his wife’s account in Elk Point Reflections, and served as a machine gunner until the war was over in 1918. He married the following year and sailed for Canada, where they took the train from Montreal to Vermilion, traveled by team and wagon as far as the river, and walked “very gingerly across the just-

forming ice with one small suitcase” to reach their home, with their trunks to follow later.

The Wolfes had three daughters and one son, John, who joined the RCAF in World War II until October, 1944, when he was reported missing over Germany. A memorial to John Wolfe and his service in World War II hangs in the Elk Point Seniors’ Recreation Centre.



MUNICIPAL CENSUS ATTENTION RESIDENTS COUNTY OF ST. PAUL NO. 19

The County of St. Paul No. 19 is conducting a 2017 census as of April 18, 2017. The purpose of this census is to collect accurate information to ensure that the municipality receives the appropriate grants from the Provincial and Federal government that are based on a population count. Any information collected will only be used for those purposes for which it is collected. All information collected in the census will not be disclosed for any other purpose and will be protected under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the County Office at (780) 645-3301.

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Dyer consequences - rise of the machine

COLIN BJORKMAN

F. G. Miller Jr./Sr. High School

On Thursday, April 6, Gwynne Dyer delivered an engaging lecture to F. G. Miller High School students, staff and a few community members entitled "The Trump Era: Barking Up the Wrong Tree".

Dyer discussed the causes of the recent Brexit referendum, the U.S. election and the current political situation in France. He touched on how current politicians have used the issues of immigration and job lost to foreign countries to win voters. However, recently these issues have been used to play on voters' emotions rather than focusing on the facts.

Dyer says, "Yes, many jobs have been lost over time, but relatively few are being lost to overseas workers." Instead, he claimed, automation is the real job killer. Millions of jobs have been lost to computers and robots and only more will be lost moving into the future. He said one study suggested as many as 47 per cent of existing jobs in the United States are vulnerable to automation in the next twenty years. Even if that number turns out much lower there is a very real concern moving into the future.

Dyer discussed how a few countries are already looking seriously into creating a Universal Basic Income to combat continued job loss to automation and spoke briefly about what that might look

like. We were happy to have Mr. Dyer speak to our students and share some of his knowledge and perspectives on the

world's current economic and political situation.



AUTHOR, SPEAKER, HISTORIAN AND INDEPENDENT JOURNALIST
Gwynne Dyer gave F. G. Miller High School students, staff and guests his views on the world's current economic and political situation.

Theft suspect identified

An RCMP press release issued Monday indicates that a gas theft suspect has been identified thanks to media assistance and public tips. The Elk Point RCMP are no longer seeking assistance in identifying the male, and accordingly, request that his photo be

removed from all public media sites.

On April 7 the Elk Point RCMP launched an investigation into the theft of gas at a local station. In this 5 a.m. incident, a male fuelled up a truck and then fled the area driving westbound on Highway 646.

A request was put out for assistance in identifying the suspect and several tips were received.

The RCMP are pleased to note that the community was very supportive in this investigation. There will be no further updates on this incident.

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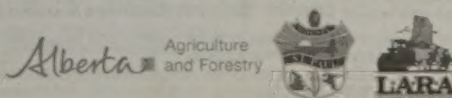
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EDITORIAL

Renew, refresh, rethink

Spring, and especially Easter, is traditionally a time of rebirth and renewal, as new growth stretches its way into the warm sunshine from under the dead remains of last year's lawns and gardens. Bare branches develop fat buds with a promise of leaves to come, and the first brave tulips start to show colour.

New life is everywhere: baby calves and lambs frolic in pastures and corrals, birds rush to and fro with beaks laden with nest building materials, hurrying to finish before it is time to set up housekeeping for their nestlings.

With all that is new around us, shouldn't we refresh our thoughts, rethink the way we have "always done" things and renew our enthusiasm in the things that give us pleasure? Happy Easter, everyone.



YOUR VIEWS

Compliments from visiting Midget D team

To the Community of Elk Point, Elk Point Minor Hockey Association and the Elk Point Midget Avalanche Team:

You should all be proud and congratulate yourselves!

On behalf of the Eckville Minor Hockey Association, the Eckville Eagle Midget Team and the Midget Parents, we would like pass along a hearty WELL DONE for your efforts in hosting the Alberta Hockey Provincial Midget D Tournament.

It was a very positive experience for our players and parents on and off the ice. From how the dressing rooms were set up with snacks and drinks before each game, the atmosphere on the ice with the playoff music and awesome announcing for each game, all the loud and cheering fans from all over Alberta, how the arena was decorated and renovated for this tournament, the helpful concession staff, the fantastic Banquet hosted by one quick witted Emcee, the Pancake Breakfast, (I know that I have forgotten some other details) but the hard work, positive energy and preparation definitely showed!

We would like to thank your community and organizers for our awesome experience! Hockey combined with communities like yours is what makes memories everlasting for the kids, hockey for the parents fun and Alberta great!

P.S. Also a special shout out to the Atom Runners assigned to our team; Cole and Timmy, they worked and cheered hard to help the Eagles, almost like we brought them with us!

Again, thank you!

Dale Cowan

Vice President, Eckville Minor Hockey Association, and Head Coach, Eckville Midget Eagles



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WAY BACK WHEN...

Looking back at '62, large group wins gold, Lightning on the road

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 10 IN...

1987

Elk Point was celebrating 25 years since the community's designation as a town, and looking back at the happenings of 1962, when a new post office was built and the long-awaited four-sheet curling rink was opened. The curling club held their windup banquet and awards, with the Wayne Hanson, Elk Point Ambulance and Dave Yake rinks winning the men's honours, the Reo Van Maaron and Jim Fell rinks topping the mixed division, and Stella Lorenson skipping the ladies' winners.

1992

Elk Point Ukrainian dancers Steven Bayduza, Melanie Malachowski, Raegan Croteau, Tom Bayduza, Lori Porcina, David Lychak, Michele Hillebrand, Mark Kozak, Bev Hillebrand, Leslie Hillebrand, Dorothea Naber and John Kozak earned a mark of 87 for their Hopak at the Vermilion Music Festival and performed again in the Festival of Stars, winning gold medals and a trophy for Large Group. 16 Years and Over. The majority of bookings coming in from out-of-town, rather than local, businesses for the upcoming trade show concerned Ag Society president Glenn Harms, who felt local businesses should "come and defend their territory."

1997

Elk Point Atom Cyclones coach Don Gallant was named Coach of the Year by Elk Point Minor Hockey Association at their season windup banquet after the first-year coach overcame problems including the split of the Atom lineup into two teams, losing their star player and their goalie moving to Florida. Bantam Lightning headed off on their final road trip of the sea-

son, headed for Calgary and the 40-team Value Drug Mart tournament.

2002

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce honoured hard-working Midget Girls Provincials organizers from Elk Point Minor Hockey, A. G. Ross Arena Operating Committee and Elk Point Storm, after the tournament brought a much-needed boom to the local business community. The elimination of the extended health benefits program had some seniors angry and many concerned about how they would cover basic denture and eye care.

2007

The bunny trail stopped at the C. G. Baker Arena for little riders taking part in the final gymkhana of the season, who took home buckets filled with Easter goodies, while their older counterparts received everything from halters to horse blankets as trophies for their season's efforts. Twenty-five students from Chicoutimi, PQ arrived in Elk Point for the second half of an educational exchange that sent F. G. Miller students east in mid-March.

2012



FOR 72 YEARS, Elk Point Co-op had been a vital part of the community's downtown, and St. Paul and District Co-op General Manager Bob Scott said that with a 4,000 square foot expansion and major renovations planned to start in the fall, "We're glad that we will continue to be an important part of the downtown business community."

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce packed a long agenda into their monthly hour-long meeting as the members laid plans for upcoming events and discussed the impact that increased oil industry activity in the area could have on the community.

The Elk Point Review publishes a variety of opinions as a contribution to debate on matters of public concern. Unsigned editorials express the view of this newspaper's editorial board which includes the Publisher and the Editor. Signed pieces express the view of the individual writer.

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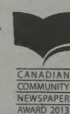


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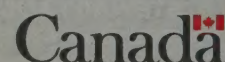
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Royal Purple Lodge delivers flowers and Easter wishes



THEIRS WASN'T THE BUNNY TRAIL, but Elk Point Royal Purple president Lois Sharek (right) and member Lavern Kittlitz went visiting last Thursday, bringing Easter flowers to five Elk Point facilities. At Fort George Manor, they delivered flowers for all the residents to enjoy to Kay Bowen, Gary Garnier, Ann Zayac and Olga Seniuk, before going on to make more presentations...



... To Lillian McLaughlin, Cecile Johnson, Jim Votour, Wayne Stackhouse and their fellow residents of Buckingham House ...



...To Marguerite Friesen at Parkview Long Term Care for the enjoyment of both the residents and the staff...



...To nurses Christine Briggs and Laura Papirny, for the staff and patients at Elk Point Health Care Centre...



... And to Loris Kozina for the staff and residents at Heritage Lodge with warm wishes for a Happy Easter to all.

RECREATION CORNER

Let's go for a (Nordic Pole) walk!

recreation@elkpoint.ca
Review Contributor

On Wednesday, April 12th there will be a Nordic Pole Walking information session at 7 p.m. at the library. There will be poles for you to try out and an instructor on hand to give you a quick lesson and a feel for the sport.

The sport itself is designed for people of all mobility levels, whether you're just starting to become physically active or you have a regular fitness regime.

Should there be a large enough interest, as I'm sure there will be, a group will be formed with regular group walks.

This event is intended for adults only.

The Community Enhancement Grants are currently being reviewed by Town Council and if you applied you should have a response back within the week. If no one contacts you by next Tuesday please contact me, at recreation@elkpoint.ca.

Another Greenhouse tour is being planned for May, I will have more details for you in next week's Rec Corner.

ELK POINT MINOR BALL

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Notice is hereby given that a special meeting for members of LICA, including members of the Beaver River Watershed Alliance will be held

THURSDAY APRIL 20, 2017

At the Bonnyville & District Centennial Centre,
4313-50th Ave, Bonnyville
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Participants must hold a LICA or BRWA membership to vote at this meeting.

Members will be asked to vote on Bylaw changes to support an organizational restructuring. Complete copies of the meeting agenda and proposed Bylaw amendments are available at the LICA office or on our website.



PUBLIC NOTICE

Water Act

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A PROPOSED INTER BASIN TRANSFER OF DRINKING WATER FROM THE NORTH SASKATCHEWAN RIVER BASIN TO THE BEAVER RIVER BASIN

Notice is given that the County of St. Paul has filed an application under the provisions of the Water Act to divert up to **51,100 m³** of treated drinking water annually through the extension of a water line from the Hamlet of Ashmont in the North Saskatchewan River Basin to the Hamlet of Mallaig located in the Beaver River Basin.

The County of St. Paul owns and operates the County of St. Paul Regional Water System. The system currently services the hamlets of Ashmont and Lottie Lake with drinking water sourced through EPCOR water treatment plants in Edmonton and delivered through the Capital Region Northeast Water Services and Highway 28/63 Regional Water Services Commissions.

The purpose of this diversion is to provide the residents of Mallaig, who will benefit from improved water quality and quantity, with reliable potable water that will secure their current and future needs. This initiative is aligned with the guiding principles and objectives identified in the County's Strategic Plan.

Section 47 of the Water Act requires that a special Act in the Legislature be passed to allow for the inter basin transfer of water. As part of the County's public consultation plan an open house is to be held on **April 12, 2017 at the Mallaig Unity Centre (3009 Park Ave) from 7:00pm to 9:00pm** to provide the public with information regarding the transfer of water and to solicit the public's input on the diversion.

Further information regarding the inter basin transfer of water may be obtained from the County of St. Paul at the address noted below.

Any written submissions concerning the inter basin transfer are important and may be forwarded to:

County of St. Paul

5015 49 Avenue

St. Paul, AB, T0A 3A4

Phone: 780-645-3301

Fax: 780-645-3104

Email: skitz@county.stpaul.ab.ca

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The written submissions must be submitted by **May 12, 2017** and should include the following:

- Describe concerns that are relevant to matters regulated by the Water Act.
- Explain how the filer of the submissions will be directly affected by the activity and/or diversion of water proposed in the application.
- Provide the legal land location of the land owned or used by the filer where the concerns described or believed to be applicable.
- State the distance between the land owned or used by the filer and the site in the application.
- Contact information including the full name and mailing address of the filer. Please provide the phone number and/or email address for ease of contact.

Please quote file number: **00351924**

Statements filed regarding this application are public records which are accessible by the public and the County.

Minor Hockey

(Continued from Front Page)

Bayduza also is the North East Alberta Hockey League Tier 2 North deputy governor.

"Some people have three or four jobs," he noted. "We really would like some more volunteers."

Bassett was on the list as casino chair, although, Warawa quipped, "We didn't have a casino this year, so there's nothing for him to do for another two years." Bassett also heads the Arena Operating Committee, with Melissa Skarsen as vice president, Lisa Van Maarion as treasurer, Margaret Bayduza a secretary and Jackie Ludlage as booth coordinator.

"All kinds of people helped with the arena upgrades this year," Warawa added, "especially Tyson Stafford, Marty Bendixen, Wade Poitras, Dean Rogal, Myrna Moroziuk and Tim Smereka. We had a ton of people helping out and I think the arena looks awesome. I think we can be pretty proud."

The successful hosting of the Midget 'D' Provincials was also on Warawa's mind, and he said there was a resounding 'yes' to the question, "Is it worth it to host provincials?" With door admission bringing in \$6,500, the loonie stick raffle about \$1,300, 50/50s another \$2,300, the silent auction in the neighborhood of \$3,000 and the concession booth, with sales of about \$11,000 for the weekend, half of it profit, a total of between \$19,000 to \$20,000 was raised, he said. Added to this were concession profits from the regular

season of around \$3,500, and he noted, "If we don't work the booth, fees for hockey and skating go up. We had repairs to the roof and plant to pay for this year, too." He thanked all involved for the hard work that went into the biggest weekend of the year.

Bassett was unable to attend this year's windup banquet, but "wanted to say how much I enjoyed running the time box and writing the sports news," in a message read by Warawa. "Our arena is still a place where everyone gets to play, and I'm already looking forward to next year. Thank you to Terri Castle for taking on the job of Referee in Chief, and to the young refs, we couldn't do this without them. The Provincials committee did a fantastic job, and this was the best one ever, we've gotten a ton of feedback from local businesses."

Bassett also sent along a letter from the Eckville Eagles, complimenting not only Elk Point Minor Hockey, but all the volunteers who assisted with Provincials and the community as a whole on their hospitality. (See the letter on Page 4 of this issue.)

Brian Poitras was also unable to attend the banquet, but sent a message that "Minor hockey in Elk Point is very important to me. Thanks for all the help."

With the volunteers congratulated on their part in another successful hockey season, it was time to honour the teams themselves for a year of increased skills and good sportsmanship.

The Micro Novice Avalanche were coached by Chris Melnyk, Shane Smith, and Tellia Loughran and managed by Carrie Baumgardner, who agreed that the 10 first and second year players had learned a lot. Everyone did really well and won most of their games, including all three at a year-end tournament.

Novice 1, coached by Jeff Morgan and Tyson Ballas and managed by Tara Cameron has nine players, with six of them set to move on to Atom next year. With 22 games, 13 wins, eight losses and one tie to their credit, the team had incredible sportsmanship. The highlight of the year was winning the Mallaig tournament, which Morgan said was "our greatest success."

Novice 2, coached by John Kadutski, Tim Smereka, Jacques DeMoissac and Willie Lesyk, had five first year and five second year players and did "pretty well. They played hard. It was an excellent year with big goals and such an improvement in the kids. It was a positive year and showed us that not giving up was a good thing," Kadutski said. Lesyk added that the Lac La Biche pond hockey tournament, played virtually in a blizzard, had its challenges, but was fun as well and "we lost in the final."

Atom Avalanche was coached by James Capjack, Conrad Pierce and Shane Fontaine, and managed by Melissa Rogal and Gwen Pierce. "We had some great teams to play against," Capjack said. "Our motto was to work hard and work smart. We had fun, we supported each other and we taught them to respect themselves and each other and to play with class. We went 11-1 in the league and won the league championship in two games, the second in the third overtime. At Provincials in Delburne we won the first two games,

but lost the third, then in the semifinal, we came out a little flat but came back to tie it and lost in overtime. We had a good year."

Peewee Avalanche coach Robyn Moroziuk was assisted by Tyler Warawa and Travis Hymanyk, with Tanya Fontaine as manager. "This was a wonderful group to work with," Moroziuk said, noting that this was "a very young and small team, with nine of the 11 being first year players. It was a tough year and a humbling experience, but the boys kept showing up and I'm very proud of all of them. They had a lot of fun at the coach's expense - I had to wear an Oiler's jersey at one game and play goal at a practice." Dean Ockerman came forward to thank the coaches and manager for a great job.

Moroziuk had the honour of presenting the Alex Kurash Memorial Award, and said, "I knew Alex, I was part of the team he managed." The award, based on commitment, improvement, positive attitude, a desire to learn and coachability, went to Wyatt Pavoll.

The young ladies of the Bantam Storm were introduced by Art Parr, who presented each of them with a medal, "because they deserve them. It's been a pretty tough year, until at one game in Lloydminster when something clicked. Our last six games were good." The team has the biggest age gap in the league, with several of the players much younger than the teams they played against. Jena Colbourne and Doug Bassett were also part of the coaching team, with Lori Poitras as manager.

The Bantam Avalanche were coached by Greg Van Maarion, Marty Bendixen and Tyson Stafford and managed by Melinda Henderson. They are a young team, with nine first year and five second year players, but "they came out swinging and we're proud of them," Van Maarion said. "We played 16 games, won eight and tied three, with the last tie cost them the league playoff series. In Provincials, we went to the third round and lost by a goal to the team that won Provincials. They just kept digging and going, and we were second in the 'A' at a tournament in Barrhead."

Melinda Henderson noted that this may be the last year with Elk Point Minor Hockey for her children, as the family anticipates a move to Saskatchewan, and thanked Elk Point Minor Hockey for being an important part of their lives.

Coach Gerry Kjenner proudly introduced the Zone 2 champion and Provincial host Midget Avalanche and said they were "an awesome bunch of guys. We had a 15-1-4 season, and when we got to Provincials, we got to the semis and ran out of gas, but we didn't quit. We ended the year first in the league, but we couldn't buy a goal against Kitscoty, despite our prayers to the hockey gods." Assistant coach Rod Graus, whose wife Christine was team manager, thanked Kjenner for coming to Elk Point to take charge of the team and for his coaching efforts, to which Kjenner replied that they were "the greatest group I ever worked with," and added his thanks to the provincials organizing committee. "It takes a tremendous amount of work to put on an event like that."



MICRO NOVICE AVALANCHE players Wyatt Fontaine, Thomas Melnyk, Jackson Rawlake and David Cardinal celebrated the end of the season with coach Chris Melnyk and manager Carrie Baumgardner.



NOVICE 1 AVALANCHE, coached by Jeff Morgan and Tyson Ballas and managed by Tara Cameron, had a great year, with winning the Mallaig tournament as its highlight.



NOVICE 2 AVALANCHE joined their coaching team, Jacques DeMoissac, John Kadutski, Willie Lesyk and Tim Smereka, to celebrate a year of improvement and fun, including a memorable pond hockey tournament in Lac La Biche.

*Congratulations on a great season to players, coaches and managers!
See you in the fall!*



ATOM AVALANCHE thanked their coaches, James Capjack, Conrad Pierce and Shane Fontaine with autographed team pictures after proudly displaying their league and zone banners. Their team managers are Melissa Rogal and (not shown) Gwen Pierce.

PEEWEE AVALANCHE

was coached by Robyn Morozuk, Tyler Warawa and Travis Hymanyk and managed by Tanya Fontaine and were a great group of hard working young men who increased their skills over the season.

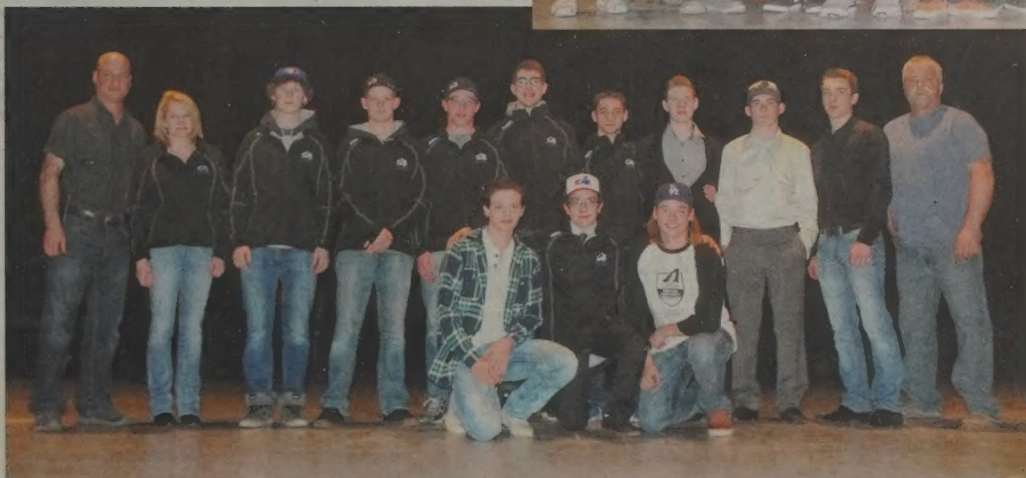


BANTAM GIRLS STORM

may be the smallest team in the league, but they have staying power and learned a lot this year, said coach Art Parr, who was assisted by (not shown) Doug Bassett and Jena Colbourne and managed by Lori Poitras.

BANTAM AVALANCHE

was coached all the way to the third round of Provincials playoffs by Greg Van Maarion, Mary Bendixen and Tyson Stafford and managed by Melinda Henderson.



MIDGET AVALANCHE

was both the Zone 2 champions and the Provincial Midget 'D' host team, coached by Gerry Kjenner and Rodney Graus and managed by Christine Graus.



SHOWING OFF THE HARDWARE, left to right are Paul Gaugler, Alexa Gaugler and Joey Gaugler



YOUTH DIVISION WINNERS, left to right are Halle Bedwell, 3D, Hillary Hunter, 2D and Trinity Keebaugh, 1D, who totaled up the most accumulated points at the end of the Winter Series of barrel racing jackpots at the C. G. Baker Arena. Congratulations, ladies!



BARREL RACER Trinity Keebaugh accepts her prize from Youth Fast Time Sponsor Chantel Kinch.

Winter barrels, team roping series windup

MEGAN GANZER

Elk Point Agricultural Society

Throughout the winter we had seven jackpots that consisted of barrel racing in the morning and team roping in the afternoon. At most jackpots we had close to 50 barrel racers and 150 teams of ropers!! At each jackpot contestants ran and roped for day money as well accumulated points for year end prizes. In order for your points to count you had to attend at least four out of the seven jackpots. So here are the barrel racing results:

Peewees:

Darci Scoular, Alexa Bedwell and Heidi Bedwell all received prizes

Youth:

1D 1st, Trinity Keebaugh 23 pts; 2nd, Bailey Keebaugh 12 pts; 3rd, Bailey Van Metre 11 pts

2D 1st, Hillary Hunter 8 pts; 2nd, Lexis Labant 7 pts; 3rd, Hayden Zack 5 pts

3D 1st, Halle Bedwell 13 pts; 2nd, Trey Nowosad 11 pts; 3rd, Alexa Gaugler 10 pts

Open:

1D 1st, Colin Balan 38 pts; 2nd, Chastity Schofield 24 pts; 3rd, Jordan May 3 pts;

2D 1st, Megan Ganzer 15 pts; 2nd, Helen Nowosad 13 pts; 3rd, Misty Ruggles 7 pts

3D 1st, Patrice Logan 18 pts; 2nd, Joy Bamber 11 pts; 3rd, Colin Balan 9 pts

We also awarded some other prizes; the award for the youth that ran the fastest time all winter went to

Trinity Keebaugh with a time of 15.756 and the open that ran the fastest all winter was Colin Balan with a time of 15.181. Contestants also got to vote for their favorite horse that ran all winter and Colin Balan's horse Tuck won that award.

Team roping

Roping results went like this:

Pro-Am: 1st, Hillary Hunter; 2nd, Trey Nowosad; 3rd, Karson Hebert; 4th, Halle Bedwell

#3 Header: 1st, Denver Van Metre; 2nd, Walker Balan; 3rd, Brad Bonik

#3 Heeler: 1st, Austin Hines; 2nd, Joey Gaugler 3rd, Tehya Sargent

#4 Header: 1st, Malcolm Nowosad; 2nd, Carter Balan; 3rd, Bruce Etherington

#4 Heeler: 1st, Billy Smith; 2nd, Harold Baldwin; 3rd, Colin Balan

#5 Header: 1st, Caleb Mole; 2nd, Travis L'Heureux; 3rd, Casey Dunlop

#5 Heeler: 1st, Austin Young; 2nd, Slade Bowers; 3rd, Ryan Guest

Sponsors that were able to help us out with this year's series were: Lakeland Tire Ltd, W.E. Walterhouse Trucking, Creek Hills Farm, Colin & Mary Balan, Serena & Scott Kennedy, B&M Anderson Quarter Horses, BXB Farms, Flying Star Performance Horses, Bar Industries, 1st Impressions, G&D Proski Trucking and Elk Point Ag Society.

Battle River Barrels

The Elk Point Ag Society was also part of a Barrel Racing Series called the Battle River Barrel Racing

Series. There were four jackpots in Elk Point, four in Vermilion and four in Wainwright throughout the winter. The jackpots were an open jackpot so all ages ran together you ran for day money plus every jackpot had a sponsor that donated three prizes for each division winner plus you accumulated points that would add up throughout the winter for the high point prizes at the end of the year. The series was able to raise \$4,700.00 that was paid out to the top eight high point contestants plus there were prizes awarded all the way to 15th spot. The Finals were in Wainwright on Sunday, April 2 and here are the top eight:

1st, Megan Ganzer; 2nd, Halle Bedwell; 3rd, Kali Kott; 4th, Jackie Hebert; 5th, Melina Arthur; 6th, Shealie Miner; 7th, Laurence Cleroux; 8th, Rylee McKenzie.

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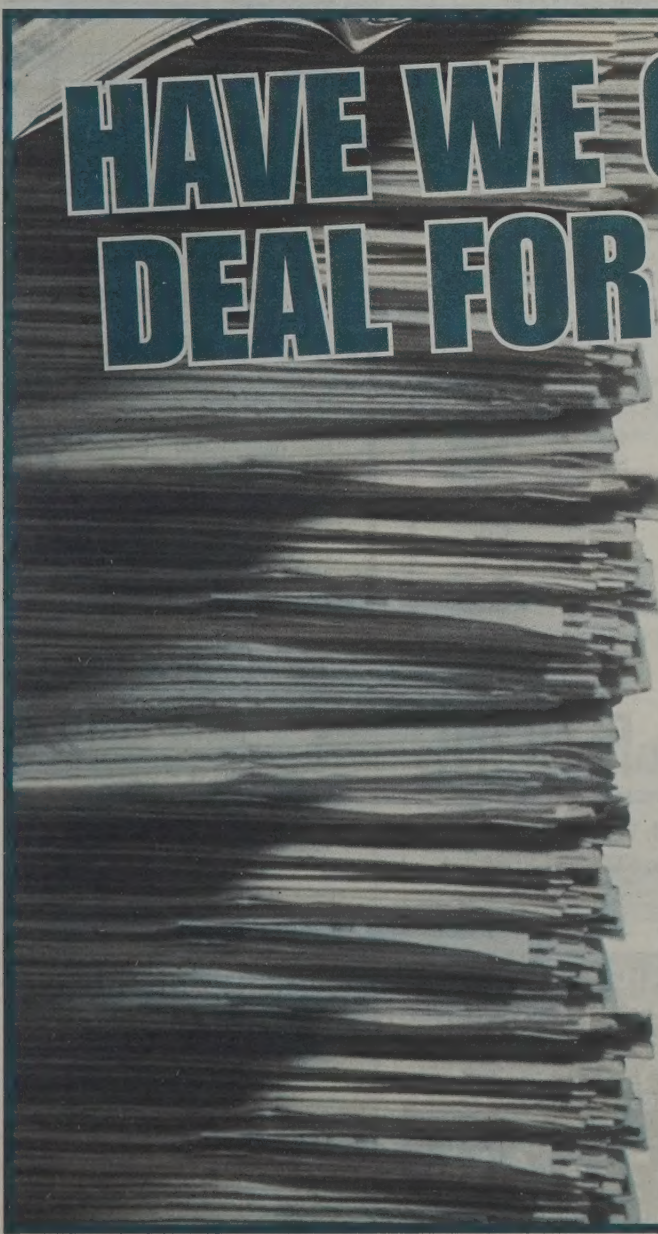


FIRST PLACE OPEN BARREL RACING WINNERS for the Winter Series of eight jackpots were, left to right, Patrice Logan, 3D, Colin Balan, 1D and Megan Ganzer, 2D.



DOUBLE WINNER - Megan Ganzer presented Colin Balan with the first of two prizes, one for the fastest run in the Open Barrel Racing and one for his horse, Tuck, the Barrel Horse of the Series.

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Elk Point 4-H Beef Club staying active!

LEXI WIRSTA
Club Reporter

Four members from the Elk Point Beef club went to Western Canadian Judging on March 10th. We placed first overall. Our team was made up of Heidi Tymko, our senior, Kailey Wirsta and Lexi Wirsta, our intermediates, and Jayci Marcoux was our junior.

We had a meeting March 12th. Our Mini Achievement Day is April 14th, held at the Wirstas' house. Everyone will be bringing the steers and heifers. There will be a demo about clipping and fitting the calves done by Kailey Wirsta and Heidi Tymko then all

the members will clip their steers and heifers. We will practice our showmanship by leading the calves around. We are also having a potluck dinner and a meeting.

Three of our members went to Spring Fling, an intermediate 24-hour camp, on April 7 - 8th held at Bruce Hall. It was called the Wild Wild West!! There were 42 members from the Northeast Region who attended. We played games, challenges, and creative sessions and had great fun. The members were Kailey Wirsta, Dallas Bristow and Lexi Wirsta.

Our Achievement Day is May 19th, held at the Ag Barn in Elk Point.



ELK POINT 4-H BEEF CLUB was represented at Spring Fling this past weekend by (left to right) Dallas Bristow, Lexi Wirsta and Kailey Wirsta.

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Wonders of Women focus of networking event

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A first WOW gathering for women in business was hailed as an amazing success by organizers, who saw a group of 25 gather at the St. Paul Golf clubhouse on Thursday evening to share ideas, thoughts and goals.

"This is a networking group primarily for women," explained the evening's emcee Daleen Pinder, the owner of Creating Direction. While men are welcome to attend too, Wisdom and Opportunities for Women (WOW) events are mainly aimed at women in business and leadership roles, to help them develop relationships, talk best practices, and grow their businesses.

Pinder, who lives in the Elk Point area, explained that she had attended a few WOW events organized by the Rural Alberta Business Centre out of Cold Lake.

"I was addicted the first one I went to," she said, adding that as an owner of an online business that offers sales coaching, she appreciated the opportunity to have face-to-face interaction with other women. "Being able to connect with real people is wonderful."

She came to Penny Fox, general manager for the local Community Futures office, and Linda Chamber, executive director for the St. Paul & District Chamber of Commerce, to see if St. Paul could host a WOW event. With the help of a committee of female entrepreneurs, the first event was organized for April 6, with the theme being the Wonders of Women.

With Wonder Woman as an inspiration, those trademark white stars on a blue and red background adorned everything from the gift bags to gift cookies.

Women from local businesses offering everything from law, dental and psychological services, homeopathy, hypnotherapy, travel services and more were in attendance, spending the evening talking as well as listening to guest speaker Kathryn Hotte, small business advisor for the Rural Alberta Business Centre in Cold Lake.

Hotte talked about the changing roles of women over time and how the keys to women's success have changed over time as well. She gave them a few ideas on how to promote their brand and build their network, as well as tips for how to network effectively to grow their business.

And while women must learn to feel empowered, confident and promote themselves and their business, they must teach their daughters to feel empowered too, she said.

In a nod to the Wonder Woman theme, Hotte ended with a slide of the cartoon action figure, captioned, "She needed a hero, so she became one," as she reminded women that if they wanted something done, that they could go out and do it.

"If you want something done, give it to a woman."

A future WOW event has already been planned for St. Paul, with Hotte telling the crowd the group would "snowball," with a need for bigger venues and bigger speakers as the committee continued to host events. The next WOW event has been scheduled for June 8 at Smitty's Restaurant.

"I'm so excited to see this come to fruition," said Pinder, adding she felt it was "empowering" to meet and talk with other like-minded women. "I think we need that connection - you cannot build a business alone."

WOW - Kathryn Hotte, small business advisor for the Rural Alberta Business Centre in Cold Lake, was the guest speaker for St. Paul's first-ever WOW event. The event was focused on providing networking and learning opportunities for women in business and leadership roles.

Janani Whitfield photo



Elks member for 50 years

Elk Point Elks Lodge celebrated a special milestone for one of its members at the April 4 meeting, when Exalted Ruler Don Pilisko (right) presented member Archie Trach with a 50-year pin. Trach was initiated into the Brooks Elks in 1967 and later was part of lodges in Lac La Biche and Viking before coming to Elk Point in 1983.



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